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My darling little Tootsie:-

Just received your darling letter of Wednesday, Lincoln's Birthday and Toots, it sure was some sweet little epistle. I am sorry you didn't get a letter on that date. You see here we didn't recognize Lincoln's Birthday, but they say that next year it will be celebrated. Anyway, so long as you get 2 letters the next day, its all right. Mondays are gala days for me as I receive your Thursdays and Fridays mail. It sure is different nowadays with the mail. Before it used to take 2 days for a letter, now its 3 days, mostly or nearly all the time, 4 days. The mail seems to be coming along regularly, so I have no kick coming. Before I forget, if I get up early to-morrow I'll write that boosiful. I always make up my mind to write it and then something turns up, but I hope to-morrow morning will be my own so I can be with you Sunday mornings.

Honey love, I was glad to read that your Tootsie is getting along nicely, but sweetheart, don't be in a hurry about taking off that support. As you know, you will suffer a great deal from low shoes, so take your time about putting them on. Remember, dove, I am holding you strictly responsible for my property, and if I should find anything wrong with it when I see you again, I'll simply "have to take such steps as may be necessary to guard the interests of my client relative to his rights to the property now under your care, dominion and control." Get me Hoddo? Tough, that's me all over.

What has made me happy, lovie dear, was when you wrote that you are getting along so nicely down at the dispensary. Honey, I really am happy that you are so comfortable there. Take all you can get. Be as comfortable as you can and Toots, if you don't want to stay there any night, don't. Lovie, I want you to feel you can do anything you desire and that you don't have to worry about your job. Believe me, I feel bad enough that you have to work when you are married, but honey dear, bis sure the time isn't far off before you will be here with me. I am glad that Caroline Klein is with you. I hope she will go with you for then I will feel satisfied that you are not too lonesome.

Precious you want to know whether I miss you! Toots, believe me when I tell you that everything I do is mechanically done. I have no other interest besides my work. I have no home nor will I have one until you come down. Companionship I have, and everything I have doesn't satisfy me in the least. In to-morrow's big letter I'll tell you just how things are, what I do and how I feel, and believe me, you will know the truth. Then you will know how much I love you, how I miss you, yearn for you and long for you. How often I wish I could take you out in the evenings to kiss you, hug you and show you how much I love you. Always keep you happy? Sweetheart, that's my life's ambition! To make you happy, contented and beloved by all, and to love you always. Honey love, I do love you. I love you with all all my heart and soul and I can assure you, that I love you more and more

each day. You are always in my thoughts, day and night, but sometimes, because I know you are so far away, I become blue, ~~drop~~ depressed and terribly, terribly lonesome for no cause practically, at all. Your darling letters cheer me up wonderfully, but very soon after my heart becomes heavy, as though made of lead. You can rest assured, lovie that I'm trying my best to make out so that I can soon send for you.

I will close now, my sweet precious darling with all my love, kisses & hugs to the dearest precious soul in all the world, my own beloved wifie,

Eveningly your
Shelby